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ABSTRACT:

A method, system, and product are disclosed for providing calendar-enhanced awareness/presence information for instant messaging systems and electronic status boards. This invention automates status transitions, enhances and automates status messages, and automates and extends the IM "who can see me" function. Additionally, this invention extends awareness to dimensions other than IM status, to include availability in-person, via telephone, via wireless device or wireless messaging device (e.g., pager).

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present invention is related to the subject matter of co-pending patent application Ser. No. 09/670,844 (Docket Number RSW920000068US1) entitled "CALENDAR EVENTS AND CALENDAR-DRIVEN APPLICATION TECHNIQUE", filed on Sep. 27, 2000, and co-pending pa tent application Ser. No. 09/671,001 (Docket Number RSW920000115US1) entitled "CALENDAR-DRIVEN APPLICATION TECHNIQUE FOR PREPARING RESPONSES TO INCOMING EVENTS" filed on Sep. 27, 2001, both assigned to the assignee herein and incorporated herein by reference.